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For : AGENT FOR DISSOLVING DENTAL CALCULI AND  
DENTAL CARIES**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114****IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 7, 2009**

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Sir :

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 7, 2009, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until November 7, 2009.

This response is submitted as the submission of a Request for Continued Examination that is being concurrently filed with this submission.

This response is being filed prior to expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response so that an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, such as any extension of time and/or fee for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, the present reply

should be considered to include the requisite Request for Extension of Time, and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee necessary to preserve the pendency of this application, including any required extension of time fee and/or any required claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on 5 of this paper.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.